

**ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD
1300 W. WASHINGTON STREET
PHOENIX, AZ 85007
JANUARY 18, 2008
MINUTES**

Board Members Present:

William C. Cordasco, Chairman
William Scalzo
Arlan Colton (arrived at 10:28 a.m.)
Reese Woodling
William Porter

Board Members Absent:

Tracey Westerhausen
Mark Winkleman

Attorney General's Office

Joy Hernbrode

Staff Present:

Kenneth E. Travous, Executive Director
Jay Ream, Assistant Director – Parks
Jay Ziemann, Assistant Director – Partnerships and External Affairs
Mark Siegwarth, Assistant Director – Administration
Cristie Statler, Assistant Director – Outreach
Debi Busser, Executive Secretary

A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL – BOARD STATEMENT – 10:00 A.M.

Chairman Cordasco called the meeting to Order at 10:08 a.m.

B. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF

The Board and Agency Staff introduced themselves. Chairman Cordasco then read the Board Statement.

1. **Board Statement** - "As Board members we are gathered to be the stewards and the voice of Arizona State Parks' Mission Statement: Managing and Conserving Arizona's Natural, Cultural, and Recreational Resources, Both In Our Parks and Through Our Partners for the Benefit of the People."

C. Site Stewards Staff and Volunteer Recognition

Ms. Statler approached the podium and stated that, as the Assistant Director for Outreach, it is her delight and pleasure to oversee the Arizona Site Stewards program. Today we are honoring two individuals who have put in more years than they may care to remember. She introduced Mr. Jim Garrison, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), to make a presentation.

1. **Mary Estes**

Mr. Garrison approached the podium and stated that he was pleased to be present today to recognize the hard work of Gary Peet and Mary Estes.

Mr. Garrison introduced Ms. Estes. He noted that a couple of weeks ago Ms. Estes approached him, and said that she needed his article for *The Watch*, the newsletter for the Site Steward Program that is published three times a year. In fact, Ms. Estes was the first person to put forth the idea for this publication. She had been working in SHPO and on volunteer programs. As she kept reminding him about the article he remembered that Ms. Estes is retiring and that the article needed to be about her. The article is entitled, "Something About Mary".

Mr. Garrison noted that, at the same time, some of the Site Stewards invited him to Ms. Estes' retirement picnic at White Tanks County Park. In a strange way, two things have come together.

Mr. Garrison stated that Ms. Estes took over the program about the same time he became SHPO in 1992. They've shared the ups and downs of the program together. He didn't want to go into all the statistics, but did want to note that there are two Site Stewards who have logged more than 10,000 hours in the program. That's more than 5 years' commitment to the program. The program has grown from a very small beginning of about 200 people in the program to more than 800 people in the program. It is the model program. Over the years, and going back to the Mission Statement and the Board's Statement that was just recited about being stewards of the resources of the State, this program has received national awards from the following: National Conference for State Historic Preservation Officers; the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation; the Society for American Archaeology; the US Forest Service; and the Bureau of Land Management. They have all recognized this program at a national level. This program is the model for both the Mission Statement and the agency's desire to be the best we can be in resource management.

Mr. Garrison noted that back in 1969 he was a fourth year architecture student at ASU. In the spring of that year they were given team projects to work on. He and two friends formed a team and decided to look at the master planning and design facilities for a park, and they chose White Tank Park. They went to the County Parks Department, located on Washington Street at that time, and they gave the team plenty of information on the park. They went out to the White Tanks and, while they didn't find any archaeological sites, they found the tanks. What struck them at the time was that this park was barely on the county's radar screen. The Boy Scouts were holding a jamboree. Their campsite was surrounded by off highway vehicles. Meanwhile, the Boy Scouts had run off to the tanks and were throwing everything they could find into them. The team were thinking about how this is not a proper stewardship relationship to this park. It affected them at that time. They went back and designed a park where one's ability to enter and go into the park was based upon knowledge of the park. One starts out as a stranger, becomes a student, becomes a worker, and then becomes a steward. This is a great model for designing a park that has never been done. It's like the Site Steward program where we take strangers, make them students of the state's archaeology, make them workers, and then they become stewards. He views the Site Steward Program as embodying the conception of visitation and access to resources based on one's knowledge and ethical trustworthiness. It views the entire State as a single ecosystem; stewardship over all the State's resources – not just archaeology – as

every citizen's responsibility. The model for stewardship is, in fact, the Site Steward Program, and Ms Estes should be very proud of her contributions to its success. Hopefully the future stewards in the program will do as good a job at protecting the program that Ms. Estes has done in helping the stewards protect the State's archaeological sites. He thanked Ms. Estes for a job well done.

Mr. Garrison presented Ms. Estes with a State Parks _____. Ms. Estes received a standing ovation from everyone in the room.

Ms. Estes addressed the Board. She noted that she is seldom at a loss for words. She thanked the State Parks Board, SHPO, and Arizona State Parks (ASP) for this recognition. She stated that it has been a pleasure to work for ASP. She has enjoyed all 18 years that she's work for ASP. She has enjoyed the association of many of the employees and her friendship with them. It will be hard for her to move on to spending a few years sleeping in until 6:00-6:30 in the morning; getting to go to a few conferences she doesn't have to plan herself. She thanked everyone again and wished good luck to ASP.

Mr. Travous then approached the podium. He agreed that Ms. Estes is not often at a loss for words. He noted that a year or two ago the Governor visited the Phoenix Office to tour our agency. As is usual, the Governor was accompanied by her security detail. He accompanied the Governor and her entourage through the building. As soon as they went to Ms. Estes' office, she was out telling the Governor about the Site Steward Program. It didn't stop there; Ms. Estes followed the Governor down the hall. When the Governor made a turn, so did Ms. Estes. He thought that security was going to wrestle her to the ground. That showed the enthusiasm Ms. Estes has for her work.

Mr. Travous noted that there are several things we give to staff when they have at least 10 years' service with the agency. He presented Ms. Estes with her lifetime pass to Arizona state parks, a Certificate signed by the Governor recognizing her 21 years of service to the State of Arizona, and a flag that was flown over the State Capitol on Monday of this week.

Ms. Estes invited Mr. Gary Peet to the podium.

2. Gary Peet

Ms. Estes stated that when she took over the Site Steward Program in 1991, they had a computer system that just kept crashing. Mr. Peet undertook the development of the Arizona Site Stewards Program's database and has maintained it ever since, volunteering his time, expertise, and he even purchased the paper for the reports generated. He enters the hours the volunteers work that requires more than 6400 entries quarterly, working 40-50 hours each quarterly. This is not his full-time job – this work is done on his nights and weekends.

Ms. Estes reported that Mr. Peet also compiles reports for the program for the State Coordinator (Ms. Estes) and submits them to the appropriate land managers and partners in the program.

Ms. Estes added that, without Mr. Peet's work, the site stewards would not get credit for or recognition of all the hours they spend monitoring the state, which is a major investment when it comes to retaining volunteers and keeping them motivated. Over the past 17 years his efforts have been a critical part of the Arizona Site Steward

Program, a factor that increases the effect of the function and respect of the Site Steward Program as a whole. She presented Mr. Peet with a token of the agency's appreciation and a CD. Mr. Peet received a standing ovation from the audience.

Mr. Scalzo noted that Maricopa County has used the Site Stewards' services forever. They continue to really depend on that program. There is not enough staff in the world that can protect our resources. No one can comprehend the work that they do unless they see it for themselves. They are devoted individuals who give so much time. For Mr. Peet to do that is just another example.

Mr. Scalzo added that he does know that we are going to need some financial support for this program. He knows that Ms. Statler is working on a grant for the program. However, it will need some matching funds. Since there is such a large audience present at today's meeting, he believes that some of these people may want to go forward to their friends to see if they can identify some matching funds for the grant Ms. Statler applied for. The additional funds needed amount to \$12,000. He is appealing to some of these interested parties who have come to these meetings and appear to be concerned about what the Board does in this State. They might be able to identify some resources to help continue a program like this. He, as a member of this Board, will work hard to identify resources, but he is asking others to think about it, too. These programs are taken for granted; they need to be funded. This will be a tough fiscal year for the State. That doesn't mean we can let good things just disappear.

Chairman Cordasco stated he felt that perhaps under the line item in the budget there should be a line that says, "Priceless" and insert the Site Stewards' names next to it.

D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Cordasco opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parks Board for the year 2008.

Mr. Porter nominated Mr. William Scalzo to serve as Chairman of the ASP Board for the year 2008 and that Mr. Reese Woodling be elected Vice Chairman of the ASP Board for the year 2008. There being no further nominations, the Parks Board unanimously elected Mr. William Scalzo as Chairman of the ASP Board for the year 2008 and Mr. Reese Woodling as Vice Chairman of the ASPs Board for the year 2008.

Chairman William Scalzo took the gavel for the remainder of this meeting.

Mr. Cordasco stated that, instead of giving his speech now, he prefers to wait until next January because he has things to say to everyone. He did, however, have one thing he wanted to say today that is special to him. He stated that Mr. Porter has been generously supportive and enthusiastic. He doesn't know whether Mr. Porter will be with the Board at the next meeting, so he wanted everyone to thank Mr. Porter for his service on the Board. Mr. Porter received applause from the audience.

1. Presentation to outgoing Chairman of the Board

Chairman Scalzo recognized Mr. Travous.

Mr. Travous noted that until now, staff presented outgoing Chairmen with plaques. This year he is presenting Mr. Cordasco with a wooden box bearing the ASP logo on the outside and a plaque inside that reads: *Presented by the Board and Staff of Arizona State Parks to William Cordasco in Appreciation and Recognition of His Service as Chairman of*

the Board 2007. He noted that next year Mr. Cordasco will receive his Lifetime Pass to place in the box. He added that Mr. Cordasco has been wonderful to have on the Board and as Chairman. The Board has had some interesting times over the past 3-4 years and there will be interesting times ahead. It's always good to have people at the helm as we have had and will have who are the stewards of our resources. On behalf of the Board and staff he presented the token of appreciation. The audience applauded Mr. Cordasco for his service to the agency and the Board.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Porter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item #7. Mr. Colton seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.

- 1. Approve Minutes of November 15, 2007 Arizona State Parks Board Meeting**
- 2. Consider Extending the Project End Date and Modifying the Approved Scope for Recreational Trails Program (Motorized Portion) Project #470301, AZ OHV Multi-Agency Coordinated Project** – Staff recommends amending the approved scope for Recreational Trails Program (Motorized Portion) Project #470301 – AZ OHV Multi-Agency Coordinated Project to include the ten proposed small projects with no increase in the grant amount upon review and approval of the NEPA requirements by the Federal Highway Administration – AZ Division (FHWA).
- 3. Consider Extending the Project End Date for the City of Flagstaff Trails Heritage Fund Project #680207, FUTS: Rio de Flag North Acq/Dev** – Staff recommends extending the project end date by 12 months to October 21, 2008 for the Trails Heritage Fund Project #680207, FUTS: Rio de Flag North Acq/Dev. AORCC concurred with the staff recommendation at their December 13, 2007 meeting.
- 4. Consider Extending the Project End Date for the BLM-Kingman Field Office Trails Heritage Fund Project #680204, Monolith Garden Trail Development** Staff recommends extending the project end date by 12 months to December 4, 2008 for the Trails Heritage Fund Project #680204, Monolith Garden Trail Development. AORCC concurred with the staff recommendation at their December 13, 2007 meeting.
- 5. Consider Extending the Project End Date for the BLM-Kingman Field Office Trails Heritage Fund Project #680204, Monolith Garden Trail Development** – Staff recommends extending the project end date by 12 months to December 4, 2008 for the Trails Heritage Fund Project #680204, Monolith Garden Trails Development. AORCC concurred with the staff recommendation at their December 13, 2007 meeting. AORCC concurred with the staff recommendation at their December 13, 2007 meeting.
- 6. Consider Deleting Scope Items from the Participant Agreement for Trails Heritage Fund Project #680208, AZ Trail: Mormon Lake Segment Dev. Phase III** – Staff recommends deleting the trailhead and amenities scope items for the Trails Heritage Fund Project #680208, AZ Trail: Mormon Lake Segment Dev., Phase III and allowing the participant to use the funds allocated for the deleted

scope items to complete the new trail construction. AORCC concurred with the staff recommendation at their December 13, 2007 meeting.

7. **Consider Extending the Project End Date and Deleting Certain Scope Items for State Lake Improvement Fund Project: #780114 – Mohave County Willow Beach Fishing Pier** - AORCC recommendation is to not extend State Lake Improvement Fund Project #780114 – Willow Beach Fishing Pier for a final period of 12-months and the deletion of scope items; picnic facilities/restrooms, de-rigging ramp/courtesy dock, grade and pave parking area, rip-rap slopes, and landscaping
8. **Designation of Park Ranger Law Enforcement Officer** – Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board designate Abraham Randolph as Arizona State Parks Law Enforcement Officer, contingent upon his successfully completing the CARLOTA training.
9. **Consider Approval of FY 2008 Historic Preservation Heritage Fund Grant Manual** – Staff recommends approval of the FY 2008 Historic Preservation Heritage Fund grant manual.
10. **Appoint New Members to the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC)** – Staff recommend that Theresa A. Nesser, Tami Ryall, and Charles Ebner be appointed to fill the three vacancies on HPAC and that they serve three-year terms beginning January 1, 2008.

Chairman Scalzo stated the Board would consider Consent Agenda Item #7.

7. **Consider Extending the Project End Date and Deleting Certain Scope Items for State Lake Improvement Fund Project: #780114 – Mohave County Willow Beach Fishing Pier**

Chairman Scalzo requested staff give the Board a little more information. He noted that the Board has received correspondence from the public regarding this issue. He added that AORCC recommended this item be terminated based on the length of the project and the failure to move forward with construction on this project.

Mr. Travous noted that he is a statutory member of AORCC. He noted that there was discussion at their last meeting. They had several concerns on this project. One is the length – it's using the year 2000 money. It is now 2008. It was AORCC's feeling that nothing demonstrable had been done. There is always the concern that we will be taken to task for not paying attention to these things.

Mr. Travous noted, for clarification since the National Parks Service (NPS) will be doing the work here, that the statutes do not allow the federal government to participate in the State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) program. The way it is allowed is if a county or another eligible entity submits the program on their behalf. That is why Mohave County is involved in this project. AORCC was just not convinced that the reasons given for the extension request were good. There were indications that they had other priorities. With that, AORCC moved to not recommend granting the extension and that the money go back into the fund and allow them to reapply in a future grant cycle.

Chairman Scalzo noted that one individual requested to speak on this item. He recognized Mr. Bill Dickinson, NPS, Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

Mr. Dickinson addressed the Board. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak on this item. He stated that he was present to seek Board support for this issue with a reduced scope and an extension of the deadline for this project.

Mr. Dickinson stated that, in short, it is a very good project. It serves the residents and visitors to the State of Arizona. It is true that they have had a number of delays in this project. It has been a very difficult project and one that has been very frustrating. It's not that nothing's been done; they just haven't completed the project yet.

Mr. Dickinson reported that at the beginning of the project they ran into an archaeological site that required them to go through cultural resource plans and resulted in a relocation project a little further north. They ran into design problems with the project that brought personnel costs into play. They planned a redesign of the pier facility. They ran into 404 Corps Permit problems. The project was to have piers in the waterway that were an issue with the Corps that took quite a period of time to work through and resolve. They put the project out to bid and the costs that came back were fairly excessive. They had to re-bid and renegotiate for this project.

Mr. Dickinson stated that the easiest thing would have been to walk away from this project. However, they have worked very hard to bring it to completion because they know it is an important project that will serve the residents of the State of Arizona and visitors to this national recreational area. They have a bid that has been accepted; they have a contractor who is ready to begin work. If they can get this extension they are in a position to move forward and get this facility in place.

Mr. Dickinson stated there were a few other things he wanted to mention. More than 50% of the Arizona boaters use fee stays in Mohave Co., with the vast majority being at Lake Mead National Recreational Area. The NPS has had a long, strong and positive working relationship with the State of Arizona and with Mohave Co. to allow these projects to move forward. They have successfully completed 21 SLIF projects since 1990. They have a history of cooperation and a history of success. They are committed to completing the Willow Beach Project. They also have a great deal of outside support for this project. The Board has received a number of letters in support of this project.

Mr. Dickinson added that this fishing pier will be accessible to the mobility impaired, consistent with the nation-wide effort to reunite kids with nature. It is a significant enhancement to and will be a major redevelopment of effort that will be a major destination attraction within the State of Arizona for both boaters and fishermen. The NPS has committed an additional \$200,000 to this project in order to allow it to move forward because of the costs associated with getting this project in place. The widening of Highway 96, along with the bridge enhancements at Lake Mead, will increase the accessibility to this site, as well as the demand for its use.

Mr. Dickinson concluded by saying NPS considers this to be an extremely important project and that it benefits Arizona's residents and visitors. They have a contract ready to award and have already begun work on this project. They are requesting the Board's support to allow the deadline to be extended for completion.

Mr. Woodling noted his confusion with AORCC. It appears that they are leaning to the idea that if a project extends further than what they feel it should they will not grant an extension. He asked how many people will use this fishing pier and if it's just a fishing pier. He asked if people with boats can also come in and fish in this area.

Mr. Dickinson responded that this area is just for fishing. The site, overall, accommodates other uses. They are going through a major redevelopment effort for people to be able to launch boats. There is a raft trip that puts in below Hoover Dam that takes out at that location. They get about 200,000 visitors right now at Willow Beach, and they anticipate that to increase significantly with the improvements that are planned for that destination location as well as the access improvements with the road and the bridge.

Mr. Woodling asked if they went before AORCC and provided them with this information.

Mr. Dickinson responded that members of his staff came down to appear before AORCC but he's not sure how much detail they went into. He understands that it was a rather short Agenda item. They did come down and they did appeal for an extension and, quite frankly, he understands Mr. Travous' frustration. He is frustrated himself, too. This project has gone on far longer than they had ever expected. They had hoped this facility would have been in place five years ago. They ran into problems that were unforeseen; but they have worked hard to overcome those problems because they believe it is a good project. They are finally at the point where they have an acceptable bidder and can move forward quickly to execute completion of the project. He doesn't believe that now is the right time to cancel this project. They're there, they can complete the project, and it will benefit the citizens and visitors to the State of Arizona.

Mr. Woodling asked what would happen if this project is not completed.

Mr. Dickinson responded that it would reduce the facilities that are available to the people who are using this site. The ability to access shore-side fishing will be more hazardous and more difficult for people. This facility will provide access for people with mobility impairments; it will provide safety for kids; it will enhance the experience of visitors who are interested in fishing. It will be accessible and usable by people that would come to that site either by boat or by land.

Mr. Woodling requested an explanation of the fee structure, how people enter this area, and whether they pay at a gate and use the pier free.

Mr. Dickinson responded that there are no costs in regard to the pier right now; there's no entrance station located at Willow Beach. There is, however, an entrance station planned for the future to be installed at Willow Beach.

Mr. Colton asked how much money has been expended relative to the grant so far on this project.

Mr. Dickinson responded that approximately \$70,000 has been expended.

Mr. Colton asked if there is any chance, with federal cutbacks or freezes, that those federal funds discussed earlier would disappear.

Mr. Dickinson responded that they have that money committed and obligated to this project. It is set aside. They can't obligate it until they award the contract.

Mr. Colton asked if there is any other fishing pier comparable to this in the area.

Mr. Dickinson responded negatively.

Mr. Colton asked if there is any chance that any permits or occupancy requirements or anything else could hold this project up.

Mr. Dickinson responded that they have finally gotten through all of the barriers and hurdles associated with this project. They are ready to award the contract.

Mr. Colton noted that there was a request for a 6-month extension and now it is for a 12-month extension. He asked for an explanation.

Mr. Dickinson responded that that was on the advice of staff. As long as they were going in for this extension, they should go ahead and seek a one-year extension. There would be no further extensions. They hope to have it completed somewhere around May or June.

Mr. Porter stated he shares Mr. Travous' frustration in the sense that prior to today's presentation, it appeared that there were projects that were of a higher priority. He noted that he is mildly bothered by the fact that he, who is from Mohave Co. and sits on this Board, received no contact or "heads up" on this project. He is not sure why that happened here. He could have looked into the matter and perhaps helped to avoid the need for this discussion. Having said that, he happens to be familiar with this project, and he knows it is an important project, and a good project, too.

Board Action

Mr. Porter: I move that the Board not follow AORCC's recommendation and extend State Lake Improvement Fund Project #780114 – Willow Beach Fishing Pier with no further extensions – for a final period of 12 months and the deletion of scope items: picnic facilities/restrooms, de-rigging ramp/courtesy docks, grade and paved parking area, rip-rap slopes, and landscaping.

Mr. Woodling seconded the motion.

Chairman Scalzo opened the floor for further discussion on the Motion.

Mr. Travous stated he wanted to make it clear that it is not "Ken Travous' frustration". He has one vote on AORCC and he did not lead the discussion on this issue. There were other members of AORCC who questioned why they should grant an extension on a project where they saw nothing being done.

Chairman Scalzo asked if the Board goes along with AORCC's recommendation would the funds not expended be eligible for the next SLIF grant cycle and whether Mohave Co. would be prohibited from applying again for a similar project.

Mr. Ziemann responded that the money would go back into the fund to be available for the next round of grants. It would not preclude Mohave Co. from applying. To get the tenor of how AORCC is trying to serve the Board, he noted there are a lot of grant requests. There are a lot of conditions that force grants into extensions over a set period of time. AORCC is working diligently to try to bring this issue under control. By doing that, they hope to exert pressure on future grant recipients so that they know AORCC and the Board are serious about getting these grant funds expended and these projects completed in a reasonable amount of time so that that money doesn't lapse and keep money from other projects. No one doubted that this project, or many others, isn't a good project. The idea is to get the recipients, once they get the money, to not sit and let it lapse but to work diligently in going forward and getting these projects done.

Chairman Scalzo noted that he received an additional Request to Speak form and invited Ms. Suzanne Gilstrap, AZ Sportsmen for Wildlife, to address the Board.

Ms. Gilstrap addressed the Board. She is in attendance at this meeting to speak on another issue and did not expect to speak on this issue. The gentleman who spoke before stated that the Mohave Co. Sportsmen's Club is actively engaged in this project. She feels it is her duty to encourage the Board to support the extension. They are a statewide organization. The Mohave Sportsmen's Club is their Mohave Co. affiliate. They have 1,000 members in Mohave Co. and they are actively engaged in supporting projects of this nature. They do wonderful things in Mohave Co., including Kids Fishing Days and a lot of other events. She encouraged the Board to support the extension on this project. Secondly, we all know what's happening with the budget right now and we've all seen the legislature sweep SLIF. The Board has a project that's ready to go. She encouraged the Board to support it. She thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to speak.

Chairman Scalzo stated there is a Motion and a Second on the Floor to extend the project by 12 months. He called for the Question. The Motion carried unanimously.

F. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Appoint New Members to the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHV AG)** – OHVAG recommend that the Board appoint Rebecca Antle and Robert S. Biegel to fill the OHV organization vacancies on OHVAG, and that John Savino be appointed as a citizen-at-large member, and that they serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2008.

Mr. Travous noted that there is no recommendation from staff on this issue. The recommendation to the Board is from OHVAG. He noted that, at the last Board meeting in November, there are people competing to be appointed to this advisory group, which he believes is a healthy thing in State government. These are people from a group who feel they are under-represented. OHVAG was asked by the Board to review their recommendation one more time. They are making the same recommendation to the Board as they made in November. What has changed is that staff is not making a recommendation to the Board other than some of the solutions being offered are to increase the number of people on this advisory group. As a student of public representation, he recommends against that. There is a big difference between a 7-member board and a 9-member board. Nine-member boards tend to break into four- or five-people sub groups on any given issue. His background says that a seven-member is the most desirous number to have. He repeated that staff are not making a recommendation and can see both sides of the issue. Staff will be comfortable with whatever the Board decides.

Mr. Porter asked who actually makes the decision on the size of the advisory groups.

Mr. Travous responded that this is not a statutory group. It is a group, as are several others of the Board's advisory groups, that is the Board's effort to increase public participation. It is a group created by the Parks Board to advise them.

Chairman Scalzo noted that a number of people have requested to address the Board on this issue.

He invited Drew John, a member of OHVAG, to address the Board.

Mr. John noted that he has spoken to the Board in the past. He is a past Chairman of OHVAG for the last two years. He knows this has caused controversy as far as the members of the Board are concerned. He wants the Board to know that they do have a very diverse advisory group. There are sportsmen in the group; there are people in the group who have been environmentally conscious all their lives. He was raised on a farm and ranch and had to be that way. He remembers, as a teenager, being asked to join an organization dealing with farming. He was already doing that. That's when he looked at needing to be a member of a sportsmen's group in order to be a true sportsman.

Mr. John stated he agrees with Mr. Travous regarding having a seven-member board. He's worked with boards and advisory groups before. They do work for the Board. They are off-highway vehicle enthusiasts. They are trying to create responsible OHV use. He is a new member of the AZ Elks Society. He lives up north, wanted to be involved in it, and loves elk.

Mr. John stated that he has met with quite a few of these group members and has visited with OHVAG's Coordinator and e-mailed back and forth when this issue came up. He doesn't see a need for more diversity in the group. He would hate to see the Board increase them to a nine-member board. There is an alternative to that. It would be to bring in two more members as non-voting members – sort of advisors to the advisory group – to bring in that diversity they need. He added that they have never turned anyone down that he knows of who wants to give a presentation to OHVAG to make them more aware of issues. A lot of different groups have come in and talked about things. They have a lot of good people. He's on his second term and has two more years left with OHVAG. He's enjoyed it a lot. He's enjoyed being able to work with ASP. He wanted the Board to know he's appreciated everything they have done and the many hours they put in.

Chairman Scalzo thanked Mr. John for his comments and invited Mr. Hank Rogers to approach the podium and address the Board.

Mr. Hank Rogers, OHVAG, stated that he comes from the Springerville area and has five generations on both sides in that area. About six years ago he and his wife decided they wanted to protect this beautiful mountain so it can be enjoyed by future generations because they saw the problems going on up there. He rides an ATV and encourages his six sons to do so, as well as his grandchildren coming behind them.

Mr. Rogers added that he knows the members of OHVAG well. They are very responsible individuals who want to protect this beautiful state very much. They are very conscienceous about those who apply to come onto this advisory group. They also have a passion to go out and enjoy. He's getting up in years, and it's getting harder for him to hike. He's been involved in Boy Scouts with his six sons and has been on many backpack trips. Those are probably not going to happen for him any more. But he still wants to go out and enjoy nature. They are teaching responsible riding in Springerville. The oldest person who came to the seminar was over 91 years old. He wants his grandson to be 91 years old and still enjoying himself in that area because it's a beautiful state.

Mr. Rogers stated that he does not have a problem with the sportsmen serving as non-voting members of OHVAG or bringing in an environmentalist. He considers himself to be an environmentalist. He cares just as much as they do. He would be more than

happy to have their input. He knows Mr. Koleszar; they've worked on legislation regarding a tag for the last couple of years. He has no problem with Mr. Koleszar. In fact, they work well together. He's told Mr. Koleszar that he believes some of the greatest abusers are the sportsmen. Where he's from they cost a lot of money. They'll ride the meadows, cut fences, etc. Having him on the advisory committee will enable him to help wrangle them in as well the OHV community to rein in their own. He thanked the Board for their time.

Chairman Scalzo thanked Mr. Rogers and invited Mr. John Koleszar to the podium to address the Board.

Mr. Koleszar thanked the Board for their time. He noted that he appeared before the Board at their last meeting in November and spoke about the recent election that had taken place. Since then, he has requested all of the numerous conservation groups and environmental groups who supported his candidacy to remove that request. His recommendation to this Board is to not contest this election. There is a caveat, however, and that is that they would like to see the Board increase the size of the advisory group from seven to nine; to have one conservation member and one environmental member on a non-voting basis in an advisory-only perspective to those groups who will be applying for grants.

Mr. Koleszar stated that there are consequences of the application process for grants in not looking through the eyes of an environmentalist or the eyes of a conservationist. They need to have a big input, and that's what they are looking for. They want to make sure that this Board sees things from their perspective. He agrees with Mr. Rogers that responsible trail riding is something that they all need to advocate. But, when one considers that we have thousands of miles of wildcat trails that already exist in this state, he would say there is more work that needs to be done. That's part of the perspective that they are trying to create.

Mr. Koleszar added that, in the future, they want their grandchildren to be able to ride, as Mr. Rogers stated earlier. He wants his grandchildren to be able hunt. Everyone is utilizing the same chunk of land. A finite amount of land is available to us. All of this Board have seen the projections that in the year 2050 the State of Arizona will have 23 million people. If only 10% of them use an OHV (and that is possible since we will be becoming older and will want to ride to those places we can no longer walk to) that will be 2,300,000 OHVs on a finite amount of land. Wildlife needs a voice on this advisory group; wildlife needs a position where someone is representing them and what is going on. It's the same with the environmental community. All they are looking for is a perspective on that existing advisory group. He recognizes the validity of the election and is no longer contesting the outcome. They would like this Board to take a position that shows there is concern other than the recreational aspect.

Mr. Porter asked for a definition of the difference between an "environmentalist" and a "conservationist".

Mr. Koleszar responded that the conservationist groups he belongs to include the AZ Wildlife Federation, the AZ Deer Association, the AZ Elks Society, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and basically AZ Watchable Wildlife. Those are people he considers to be stewards of the land who work on projects, who donate millions of dollars each year to the State of Arizona on species-specific projects. There are other groups who are much more concerned on the much more overall big picture of the land specifically.

They are not specifically interested in species as he is and they don't necessarily do projects. They are more like the watchdog for the world. Those groups include The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Sierra Club, and those types of groups. These groups have varying opinions on certain things. Certainly, wilderness is something they have a real difference of opinion on. That is the difference between conservationists and environmentalists. He appreciates their perspectives.

Mr. Porter thanked Mr. Koleszar for his perspective. He was a little fuzzy as to where the line is drawn. He liked the way Mr. Koleszar expressed himself.

Chairman Scalzo thanked Mr. Koleszar for his testimony and invited Mr. Brad Powell, Trout Unlimited, to the podium to address the Board.

Mr. Powell stated that he also spoke to the Board at their last Board meeting in November on this very same issue. He noted that a lot has already been said and he would not repeat that. He is here representing Trout Unlimited and the AZ Wildlife Federation. He noted that the Board has recently received a series of letters from multiple groups. They want to ensure that the Board has the best advice possible in terms of making decisions on the allocation of funds regarding OHVs. They believe that's particularly important when thinking about new legislation. They hope to pass a bill through the legislature that will generate \$2-\$4 million of additional funding. They believe it is very appropriate for people from the wildlife community and people from the environmental community to be involved in that. That's really all they're about. Even though they offered up Mr. Koleszar's nomination, they want to see some diversity and opinion in providing advice to the Board. He can live with the non-voting status, but it seems odd to do that. Even though he heard Mr. Travous say that the advisory group would be too big (and that is possible), from his perspective he would rather see it grow. The only reason they proposed growing it rather than restructuring it is because they thought it would be easier.

Mr. Powell noted that if one looks at the current make-up of this advisory group, by the Board's structure, five have to be members of organized OHV groups. The other two have to be members-at-large. Those two "at-large" members have traditionally often been active OHV users. The Board clearly has that OHV enthusiast well represented on the advisory group. He believes that's good. He just wants the Board to broaden that representation to ensure the Board is hearing all sides so that when the Board receives the recommendation they can make the best possible decision.

Chairman Scalzo thanked Mr. Powell for his comments and invited Ms. Suzanne Gilstrap, AZ Sportsmen for Wildlife, to the podium to address the Board.

Ms. Gilstrap stated that this is the issue she came to this meeting to discuss. She noted that they had some conversations out in the hallway with Mr. John and Mr. Rogers and were very excited that they have been able to come together with one recommendation to this Board. She asked that the Board go ahead and extend the OHVAG by adding the two additional positions (one from a wildlife conservation organization as Mr. Koleszar has defined and one from a conservation group) today. In the conservation groups she encouraged the Board to consider Trout Unlimited because often the fishing community is not as represented as other groups. They are very supportive of Mr. Koleszar. He has a fine record of advocacy on behalf of wildlife and wildlife conservation. She requested that the Board go ahead and make that appointment today if the Board is comfortable with it. She noted that she appreciates

what the Board did at their November meeting and thanked the Board for their attention to this issue.

Chairman Scalzo thanked Ms. Gilstrap for her comments.

Mr. Rogers noted that he and Mr. John are representing themselves and not the advisory group. They would like to take this back to OHVAG. He is supportive and would definitely work with the group to try to bring this to pass.

Chairman Scalzo thanked Mr. Rogers for his comment. He noted that, in order to change the composition of this committee, the Board would have to take action to approve it today. He asked the Board's Counsel whether there is a problem because of the Agenda in taking such action today.

Ms. Hernbrode responded that she was struggling with that as well. She would feel more comfortable, if the Board is choosing to change the composition of OHVAG, that it be noticed for the next Board meeting. She does not believe the Board would be in trouble if it wanted to do that today. Her records show that the last time the Board modified OHVAG was in 1998. She added that the Board should be aware that if it changes OHVAG by adding non-voting members, it will also change the quorum required for them to hold meetings. Even though they're non-voting members, they are members of the group and that requires a quorum increase to five hold meetings.

Mr. Travous noted that if the Board is going to change the structure, staff would like the opportunity to have time to digest what it means in staff time and how to pull it all together. Staff are glad that these groups are talking to each other, but would like to come up with something that is good for all.

Chairman Scalzo asked the Board members for their comments.

Mr. Porter noted that in his six years on the Board, this is the first time he has disagreed with Counsel. He doesn't believe the Board can take action on this today. He doesn't believe it has been properly agendized. He would also like the current Advisory Group members to advise the Board of their thoughts on it. Obviously, it is understood that this Board will make the final decision. He stated that he would be very unlikely to be supportive of having non-voting members sit on OHVAG. First, it's an advisory board. Non-voting members will not be able to make huge changes. It would not give them full and proper status. He's dealt with other boards that have had non-voting members and it was like they were second citizens.

Board Action

Mr. Porter: I move that the Board approve Item F.1 and make the appointments that have been sent forth again and refer the question of whether to expand this advisory group to the next Board meeting.

Ms. Hernbrode asked if she could clarify Mr. Porter's motion to be that he moves that the Board appoint Rebecca Antls and Robert S. Beigel to fill the OHV organization vacancies on OHVAG, and that John Savino be appointed as a citizen-at-large member, and that they serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2008.

Mr. Porter restated his motion as follows:

Mr. Porter: I move that the Board appoint Rebecca Antls and Robert S. Beigel to fill the OHV organization vacancies on OHVAG, and that John Savino be appointed as a

citizen-at-large member, and that they serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2008.

Mr. Cordasco seconded the Motion.

Mr. Woodling stated he didn't feel he could make a decision today. He doesn't know enough about the Advisory Group and does not understand the issues. He would like to defer the election of the citizen-at-large position and perhaps vote on the other two positions. He noted that there are a lot of issues here and believes that he needs to really study this further. He agrees that a nine-member board can be unwieldy; he agrees that having a non-voting member creates problems. He has issues and doesn't believe that he can support Mr. Porter's Motion at this time.

Mr. Colton stated that he was actually persuaded by the discussion that conservationists need to be reflected on the group. He is looking at it with the perspective of what Mr. Travous said regarding having a nine-member board and the view about having advisory members who are non-voting, if the Board makes these appointments now, then the Board could be looking at a citizen-at-large who was a conservationist but not Mr. Koleszar because that makes three members from Maricopa Co. If he understands correctly, there can only be two members from one county. He noted that there is another citizen-at-large position that comes up a year from now. OHVAG should be looking for a conservationist to fill that position. If the Board makes the appointment now, then we preclude considering someone from Maricopa Co. in that citizen-at-large position. He's not sure it serves a purpose.

Mr. Travous noted that there is nothing statutorily that requires county caps. That is something the Board can change because this group is entirely set up by the Parks Board. Another point is that if the Board votes for the membership as it is today, the only way the Board has to fulfill the interests of the other people here today is to expand the group. If the Board doesn't do that today, then it's another year before anything can be done.

Chairman Scalzo noted that there is a Motion and a Second before the Board. There being no further discussion, he called for a vote on the Motion on the Floor. The Motion failed unanimously with no Aye votes and five Nay votes.

Board Action

Mr., Porter: I move to table Agenda Item F.1. to the next Board meeting to be held in Lake Havasu.

Mr. Colton seconded the motion and noted that there is a whole complement to be considered as well. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Scalzo stated that this issue is tabled to the March meeting

Chairman Scalzo stated that this issue is tabled to the March meeting. He added that it is very clear that the Board wants a very detailed description of OHVAG and the make-up of the committee. He requested that staff regroup and look at the advisory group as a whole. It would be good for the Board to receive this information from staff prior to the Board meeting in order for them to have time to review it. He believes that the Board certainly has the sense of the conservation/environment community. The Board

received comments from them and certainly appreciates it. It makes him feel good to see that so many people want to be volunteers and serve on this advisory group.

Mr. Travous noted, regarding the March meeting, it will be Spring Break in Lake Havasu. He is not sure whether or not lodging has been secured yet. It may be necessary to change the location of that meeting. He also wanted the Board to understand that, even though there are terms that are about to expire, in order to maintain a quorum, those individuals will remain in their positions until the Board takes action on this issue.

Chairman Scalzo called for a Recess at 11:24 a.m. so that the audio/visual equipment could be set up for presentations next on the Agenda.

Chairman Scalzo reconvened the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation by Dan Campbell re: Value of Greenways

Mr. Dan Campbell, TNC, addressed the Board. He noted that he has been before the Board many times and that it is good to see old friends again as well as new faces. He stated that he has been with TNC for 23-24 years. He's been very involved with the Board for a number of years with the Board's involvement with the Verde Valley Greenway, the acquisition of Kartchner Caverns, and others. It is no secret that TNC has a long-standing relationship with the ASP Board and its staff.

Mr. Campbell stated that he has brought the Board a perspective that may be different from what they usually get that goes into the discussion of whether they are in the environmental or a conservation category. Today he will give the Board strictly conservation biology as it then translates into economic development. The Greenway is a perfect fit. The Board is in the greenway business. The Board may not know that there's a national movement and he wants the Board to see where AZ fits into it.

Mr. Campbell stated that he would talk about greenways as corridors and linkages for biological connectivity providing for ecosystems services and economic benefits.

Mr. Campbell stated that greenways require comprehensive natural landscape planning. It's a perspective that many parks departments and others are using to link existing parks, preserves, and open spaces with working landscaping (which is just a euphemism for working ranches) providing buffers for sensitive natural communities and optimizing this biological connectivity. In AZ there is an unusual responsibility. Some say that AZ enjoys either the third or fourth greatest amount of biological diversity of any state in the US. That is an interesting fact when one considers the list includes CA, HI, and FL. For AZ to be on the list is incredible. We have a responsibility to be a steward of these assets.

Mr. Campbell noted that there are enemies of AZ's biological diversity such as habitat fragmentation, which can be both natural and man-made. When habitat fragmentation takes over it favors alien species like the weeds in our own back yards. It attracts the weed aliens such as pigeons and starlings and rats. It favors generalist species like coyotes, javalinas, ravens and jays at the expense of the keystone species like mountain lions, bobcats, pronghorn, and other big animals of our state.

Mr. Campbell added that we also know the effects of global warming are causing habitat fragmentation throughout our state and the US. The biggest single factor is probably us. Pogo said, "I went out to find the enemy and he were us." With all of the development that's going on in the state – the so-called "megapolitan" sun corridor – that is expected to connect Prescott with Sierra Vista is actually dividing our state into halves. We live here; we know what this is like. Homes are on what used to be wildlife habitat. We are particularly familiar with the phenomena in Prescott because homes in Prescott Valley are being built out into the antelope habitat. The antelope don't know any better; they are right down there on the streets in and among the flapping laundry. They are also aware that as future planning continues, the existing highway systems and the proposed future highway systems will fragment at least the antelope's habitat even further.

Mr. Campbell stated that biological connectivity and corridors are essential for wildlife. Everyone knows about migration and that animals need to move. He doesn't think we are thinking as clearly about the migratory pathways that will be needed during this time of change. As our ponderosa forests are giving way to open piñon and piñon and juniper are giving way to Chaparral and Chaparral to grassland we need to have ways that these critters can continue to move and have places to live.

Mr. Campbell noted that we also know that during certain times of the year the foraging habitat is different for different animals in order to disperse particularly for mating to ensure genetic diversity in the species. They need to be able to move and meet one another.

Mr. Campbell stated that corridors of any kind – greenways and others – can be of different scales. They could be entire mountain ranges. Thanks to the Forest Service we have many mountainous corridors that run through our state. We don't think about it that way, but that is the net effect. Rivers and streams are a different story. There is a lot of connectivity in our rivers and streams. Now even our grasslands, particularly where development is prone, are being affected. There are small corridors such as Sonoita Creek. The Board's Sonoita Creek Natural Area is a perfect biological corridor allowing critters to come up and down to link up with different protected areas.

Mr. Campbell stated that the things we need to most worry about are our rivers and streams. That's where we all need to focus. We know that more than 90% of rivers and wetlands of our state have been lost or degraded since 1900. That's not to say that they are gone, but effectively for wildlife they are gone. They are no longer acceptable habitats. This all happened in the span of 100 years. During a period of 100 years those green corridors and the great rivers that were part of the history of AZ have shrunk significantly. As the Parks Board, in its natural areas committee and others, through Heritage Funding and other funding sources, continue to think about future park planning these are some of the corridors that we really need to think the hardest about.

Mr. Campbell stated that "corridors" are protected open space managed for conservation, wildlife, and recreation providing connectivity between natural areas and recreational amenities. They can be as wide as a water shed or as narrow as a trail. Some are public; others are private. Some are only for nature while others are primarily for people.

Mr. Campbell added that some of the ecological benefits for greenways are things one doesn't think about such as sustaining the biological productivity and maintaining biological diversity by providing shelter and food, protection from predators, spawning areas, nursery grounds, etc.

Mr. Campbell noted that the above is for wildlife and asked what about people. A term that may not roll off one's tongue easily – Ecosystem Services – are those things that nature is doing for us (human beings) without us having to pay for them. Protecting natural areas is a three-way effort to do a lot of things. One is that this is where our water comes from. Living in Prescott, he is familiar with the Chino Valley being the source of 80% of the water for the Verde River, he is very aware that the big grassland is essential; it's providing an ecological service by providing clean water and attenuating stream flow (slowing the water's flow down hill throughout the span of the 12-month year). We don't want the Verde River or any of the other rivers to spill out in a 3-month flash flood season; we want them to continue to run for 12 months. These big grasslands help to do that. They reduce the amount of flooding, enhancing the quality of the water by holding back silts and organics and pesticides and fertilizers and all kinds of other things. They reduce air pollution and keep cities cooler.

Mr. Campbell discussed different types of greenways. Landscape, conservation corridors, greenbelts, recreational corridors, scenic corridors, and even utility corridors, if properly thought about, can serve as greenways. The San Pedro River is a good example of a type of greenway, as well as Rio Salado, Tempe Town Lake, Scottsdale's Indian Bend Wash, the Gilbert riparian area, and some of these new areas. These are examples of areas that are greenways that work in an urban setting.

Mr. Campbell then discussed the actual dollar values. There's not a person in the room who is not aware that ecotourism is now seen as the fastest-growing sector of our travel industry. The trends are away from long trips to more short trips. Rather than being able to afford what now costs \$10,000 for a trip out of the country, more people are looking at 4 or 5 weekend trips right here in AZ or in neighboring states. They made an effort to evaluate that with the University of Arizona (UA) and discovered that 2/3 of the visitors to two areas that he is familiar with come from outside the area. That was good news for them. They didn't know that going in; they thought it was mainly from Tucson, but it turns out that people visiting their preserves are coming from much further away, and that's true of the Board's state parks as well. Interestingly, the typical visitor spends more than \$150 a day in the town of Sierra Vista (and that number has increased over the past decade) bringing in, what at that time, amounted to \$5 million a year. It wasn't their intention to support the economy of Sierra Vista, although they are delighted to do it. That is the effect of having, in this case, a private greenway or a private natural area in their community.

Mr. Campbell noted that we also know that bird watching has become a big business. It has doubled in the last 20 years to where it is now 46 million Americans and it ranks second only behind gardening as America's #1 pastime. He noted that 18 million birders travel throughout the country every year and almost 1/3 million of them come to AZ. They are spending roughly \$160 a day for a total of over \$1 billion per year to our economy. These are the numbers that he suggested be used as the Board makes its worth known to this state as we continue to invest funds into the resources of this state. People need to understand that parks bring money to a state.

Mr. Campbell shared another perspective that is essential. We know from *Arizona Highways* that there is a reputational capital that AZ has earned over many years that needs to be held onto as firmly as possible. Quality of life is the most cited factor in businesses relocating to this state. There are two ways to measure that. Seventy-one economists rated AZ's attractiveness as a place to live, work, vacation, retire or relocate their businesses. Their conclusion was that the climate, job opportunities, open spaces, and outdoor recreation were the #1 reasons why people spend money here. In going back and looking at the actual effects, 70 CEOs have new firms that located in AZ, representing 28,000 new jobs, \$1 billion in total new revenue, and they said they chose AZ because of its outdoor lifestyle and recreational opportunities. This is something that needs to be remembered when thinking about the next 100 years in our state.

Mr. Campbell then took it from the mega scale down to the micro scale. He looked at the Board's own back yard. The National Association of Realtors did a study a couple of years ago in Boulder, CO., studying the proximity of parks, greenways and open space with the increase of local tax revenue that resulted. They found that often housing prices declined an average of \$4.20 for every foot away from the greenbelt, up to 3,200 feet away. The net of that is that the average value of properties next to the greenbelt was 32% higher, yielding enough revenue to cover the initial cost of their greenbelt program. He noted that he is working in the towns of Cottonwood, Clarkdale, and Camp Verde. They are very aware of how important the Verde River is to them, as well as creating a sense of green (a sense of value). It is the reason people will invest in their communities and maintain the resale value of their homes.

Mr. Campbell stated that he sits on the Open Space Acquisition Committee in the city of Prescott and works with one of their staffers, Eric Smith. They are trying to create a Granite Creek greenway down through the middle of town. They are trying to connect Watson Lake using the Pea Vine Trail (the old railroad grade) all the way through the dells to attract people because they know what's coming in terms of the population eventually surrounding the dells. They will need a place to recreate and it will enhance the value of everyone's homes. However, the real gem is the one the Board started 20 years ago. The Verde River Greenway continues to be the marvel that nearly every community in the State of AZ looks at as their model – whether it's Sonoita Creek or other communities around – they see what it's doing for Cottonwood, Clarkdale, and Camp Verde. He noted that he, Mr. Travous, and other staff have been meeting with the mayors of those communities. The Board does not have a more loyal following in this state than the mayors of Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Camp Verde, and Jerome. They think what the Board has done is terrific. They feel it; it gives them a sense that they are there, and economically one can study and find out the value of the greenway to the their economies.

Mr. Campbell noted that there are other reasons we want to see that the Verde River Greenway lasts for a long period of time. It's not just for those people who live there. It is one of the last living rivers left in the State of AZ with the second best native fish population and contributes to the wellbeing of nearly 0.5 million people, far more than the population of the communities there. The Verde watershed provides 40% of Phoenix' water supply through the Salt River Project (SRP) service area as well as all the water for Sedona, Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Prescott Valley, and Chino Valley. It's hard to imagine any other resource in our state that that can be said about. It used to be said that there were four Cs that were the king of our state; now our

ivers are the king and this is how we will continue to thrive if we are to continue to thrive.

Mr. Campbell noted that, biologically, the Board's greenway has 515 species of birds. It was designated by the National Audubon Society as an important bird area in the US. Peck's Lake is one of the largest freshwater marshes in the State of AZ off the main stem of the Colorado River. He added that the Board is also aware that the Verde Valley Birding Festival has capitalized on these.

Mr. Campbell stated that he is here to tell the Board is that there's still time. These are still rural communities. A lot of the cottonwoods and willows and wildlife of the Verde River are still there to be protected, and the community leaders in these places are the ones supporting them most strongly.

Mr. Campbell noted that Dead Horse Ranch State Park could be significantly augmented by the acquisition of Peck's Lake and it appears that Phelps Dodge is considering it. We don't know at what price or the timing, but they have already parted with Travasi Marsh, which is now a part of the Toozigoot National Monument. All up and down the 36 miles of the Verde River Greenway is otter water. There aren't very many places in AZ where one can see otters in the wild. It is the Verde River and the flow of the Colorado River. If people realized that these otter are in our watershed, people staying at Dead Horse Ranch State Park would easily get up at 5:00 a.m. and go down to see the otters.

Mr. Campbell noted that the other interesting critters there are wood ducks. There are only three places in the State of AZ where wood ducks reproduce. The greenway is one of them.

Mr. Campbell stated he would conclude by giving ASP a salute from TNC for 50 years of fantastic work. They are delighted to continue to partner with the Board. They hope to continue to see the Greenway grow, and there are other places the need us to continue to partner and cooperate. He thanked the Board for the work they have done.

Mr. Woodling asked what Mr. Campbell thought of the comment earlier that put TNC in the category of "environmental" group rather than the "conservation" group.

Mr. Campbell responded that they are constantly asked the same question. He understands that the distinction being made was between consumption of specifics that is sometimes thought of as "conservation" and in the broader sense, the ecosystem. He thinks that what everyone in the room knows about TNC is that they stand back and really look at the whole picture. They are hard to lump into one category.

Chairman Scalzo thanked Mr. Campbell for his presentation.

Mr. Travous noted that Mr. Campbell was involved in the creation of the Heritage Fund and the creation of the Greenway itself. A group just met a few days ago that includes himself, Mr. Campbell, the four mayors discussed earlier in the presentation, county boards of supervisors, and people in the local area to discuss what needs to be done next on the Verde River Greenway. Staff see a need to look at in-stream water rights and the Board will hear about this issue in a future meeting. SRP is also a part of this group.

Mr. Woodling asked if Mr. Campbell's presentation is available in hard copy to the Board.

Ms. Statler responded that she has it on a CD and can make it available to the Board.

Chairman Scalzo thanked Mr. Campbell and noted that now the Board moves from something very enjoyable to the budget.

2. Budget

Mr. Siegwarth distributed a copy of his presentation to the Board. He stated that there is a lot happening. There was a meeting of the Governor's Cabinet this morning regarding her budget which will be announced to the public today at 3:00 p.m. He stated that he would be very brief in his presentation today because of all that is going on.

Mr. Siegwarth reported that the JLBC (Joint Legislative Budget Committee) is saying that the state is \$970 million in the hole for FY 08 and will be in the hole for \$1.7 billion for FY 09. The long-term situation is that the state will be \$1.7 billion in the hole during FY 10 and 11 as well. Whatever they do this term could continue on for the next three years. Staff are hoping for a better 2011. It appears that in FY 2012 the Board will have the kind of revenues it had last year, which were not great, either. He noted one can see how the JLBC is graphing out the different funds, expenditures, and revenues in the document he provided the Board with. He cautioned the Board that in going out several years, 1% either way changes these numbers dramatically. It is probably a little too early to think about FY 2010 and 2011; it would certainly be prudent in terms of counting on the General Fund to help out.

Mr. Siegwarth then discussed budget options. Budget hearings are scheduled. He was out of town for the January 8th hearing, but Mr. Ream and Mr. Ziemann represented the agency. The first comparison in the document (Evaluation of Budget Shortfall Options) is what the legislature is proposing and what the Executive Branch is proposing. The agency always supports the Governor and her budget. He noted there is no Supplemental on either side. There is some Land Conservation Interest; the Governor is looking at \$150,000 while the Legislature is looking at \$5.5 million. He noted that the Legislature had given the Board an extra \$1 million in General Fund this year to be used in our Enhancement Fund for Capital; they have rolled that back. That means that even though the JCCR approved \$1 million in Capital, he does not expect the Board to have very much money at all. The best case would be about \$200,000 for Capital expenses. When he spoke to the Board before, they had a 6% lump sum reduction; that now translates into a 10% reduction. He noted that the Board is really \$500,000 in the hole for utilities. With that 10% lump sum reduction, we are really looking at being \$1 million in the hole. He's waiting to see what is really going to come down, but he expects to be up here again proposing certain options and solutions based on how we do in FY 08.

Mr. Siegwarth noted that the Governor is proposing \$1M from OHV that will still allow the agency \$360,000 to run the program and \$692,000 that is being reverted from park operations. There is \$6 million from SLIF, essentially all the money for the Grant Program. The totals are very much the same.

Mr. Siegwarth noted that he does not have an Executive budget for FY 2009 yet. The Legislature said "no" to the supplemental and he listed a litany of things to be discussed

as options back in December. They haven't really done anything. He's been told that the hole will be bigger in FY 09. These are options that they will consider, but they haven't really done anything yet. Staff will know more when our budget hearing is scheduled. Staff will be available to discuss the FY 09 budget. We will have to wait and see what pops up.

Mr. Siegwarth stated that the last pages of his presentation are a brief summation of what he has just told the Board.

Mr. Cordasco asked if the Board will receive anything from staff since the budget comes out today so the Board doesn't have to wait another two months to hear about it.

Mr. Siegwarth responded that he would be happy to provide them with additional information.

Chairman Scalzo thanked Mr. Siegwarth for his presentation to the Board.

Mr. Travous noted he had a couple of things to add. The Governor's Office is not as pessimistic in FY 10 and 11 as the Legislature is. Even they have both been wrong in the past, the Governor's Office has been closer to the truth than has the Legislature been. A lot of it depends on how they go about doing things. The Governor is proposing using financing and a lot of money can be saved there. A lot of it depends now on how quickly they get done in 08. The longer it takes to solve the 08 budget means the less time staff have to solve the 08 budget and the worse 09 will be. We are in difficult circumstances at this time.

Mr. Travous added that there will be a series of articles beginning this weekend in *The Arizona Republic*. One of the reporters asked him whether the public would see any impact when they get to the parks. His response was, "No," because of the people who keep the parks running. We don't see buildings falling down slowly. We see them after they have fallen down. That's the problem. We don't see the problem when it's going out; we see the effects after the problem has gone out. Things that are apparent to us are not going to be apparent to the public until things actually crumble and fall down.

Mr. Colton asked if there will be a more significant impact on the grant programs in 09.

Mr. Siegwarth responded that other options may have two responses – one says you can and one says you can't – and they are exploring that. He would disagree a little with the terminology. The Board made \$6 million a year in interest and the Legislature's option is to pull the \$5,500,000 out because we use \$500,000 for operations. When they put down that \$23,806,500 they call it the Admin Account. However, on the last day of the Fiscal Year that money is transferred to the corpus. He doesn't understand how it would work. In order to get that \$23,806,500 they would have to sweep the corpus and that's another legal issue. With the interest in the Admin Account it may or may not be voter protected. The short answer to the question is that they did not go for it in 08 (it was on their list) but it looks like they may come back to the list in 09 with not only the \$5.5 million but also the \$23.8 million as well.

Mr. Colton noted that it's a technicality in 09.

Mr. Siegwarth added that it's already been swept into the corpus. They have never been specific on their legal argument whether they are going back in time and adding

all the interest the agency has ever earned and if that's the number. They couldn't give the committee a precise answer as to whether they can do this so it's pretty much up in the air. He would be surprised if they would close the budget with something that is iffy.

Chairman Scalzo noted that because Mr. Porter needed to leave shortly he would take some Agenda items out of sequence.

H. EXECUTIVE STAFF UPDATES

Mr. Ream noted that under #8 on the Consent Agenda the Board approved the law enforcement commission for Abraham Randolph, who graduates today from CARLOTA and that he will be at CARLOTA for his graduation if there is time to get there after this meeting.

2. Update on Picket Post House

Mr. Ream stated how much he loves following a budget presentation that's full of bad news with a request for \$3 million to purchase a property. He noted that he gave a presentation to the Board in July regarding the Picket Post House. It is the historic home of Col. Boyce Thompson who started the Boyce Thompson Arboretum. The Board operates the Boyce Thompson Arboretum in conjunction with the Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Inc. (the oldest not-for-profit organization in the State of Arizona) and the UA. About 20 years ago the legislature approved the purchase of the Picket Post property, which is about 32 acres, and the mansion that sits on it. At that time the owners and the buyers couldn't come to an agreement on the price. The Board had to abandon its request on that and, instead, purchased Slide Rock State Park (all-in- all a good purchase).

Mr. Ream noted that here we are again in 2007 and it's up again for sale. They are asking to the general public \$3.6 million. They had offered a special purchase to the Board at \$3 million. Our current appraisal on the property is \$2.8 million. We have never been this close in appraised price and asking price. There is a \$200,000 gap in that price.

Mr. Ream reported that he had asked the Trust for Public Land (TPL) to negotiate with them on a 3-year option purchase on that property. The way the TPL makes its money and continues to operate is when TPL buys a property from someone, that party as part of that contract is to give back about 6% to the TPL as they facilitate that purchase. This was not very palatable to the Rose family. Mr. Ream was approached by Michael Patrick and Paul Audley (TPL) who suggested that perhaps he could do better in dealing with the Rose family directly. They are in the wings and can assist if necessary. He contacted their attorney and the Rose family and met in December. He approached them with a similar proposal to the one proposed by the TPL. It is for a 3-year purchase price using Heritage Funds at \$1 million per year for 3 years. The majority of the money of the first 2 years would go toward principal and a 9% fee would go to the remaining 2 parcels. The parcel would be purchased in 3 thirds. We would buy the first parcel and lease the other 2. In the second year we would buy the second parcel and lease the third parcel at 9%, and in the final year we would make the \$1 million acquisition and make the full purchase price for a total of \$3 million out of ASP's pocket, which is the number they have wanted all along. The reason for the 3-year purchase is

that it is better for them tax-wise and it's better for the Board because we don't have it in a lump sum either.

Mr. Ream added that Messrs. Siegwarth and Travous told him that we have some options on funding from the Heritage Fund. We haven't figured out the final percentage, but in July this Board approved a budget that holds \$700,000 from FY 08 Historic Preservation Heritage Funds for the purchase of Picket Post. The Board has \$700,000 in the bank at this time and requires an additional \$300,000 from other funds to make the first year's payment. Subsequently, the Board would set aside funds in July for the 09 payment and so on.

Mr. Ream explained that one of the reasons the Board has not purchased historic properties in the recent past (the San Bernardino Ranch and others) is management. We really don't have operational money or management money. He's not saying that the BTA tripartite is in any better shape financially than ASP. However, he asked the Director of the BTA to come today to assure the Board that they will figure out a way to manage this property for us until we can get back on our feet and contribute to that operational cost. It won't be easy. Most of that property will be mothballed for a while. They can do things that we can't do. They can go out and get money from their foundation.

Chairman Scalzo noted that Mr. Mark Bierner, BTA, is present to speak to the Board. He invited Mr. Bierner to the podium to address the Board on this issue.

Mr. Bierner, Director of BTA, addressed the Board. He stated that he wanted to let the Board know how important they think this property is. As was mentioned, they are the oldest non-profit in the state. Boyce Thompson himself is an interesting historical figure that saw the importance of natural resources. He wishes Col. Thompson had been a little more generous to the Arboretum than he was to the institute that is in NY. He gave them \$10 million in 1920. It's a shame that this property was ever separated from the Arboretum. Now we have an opportunity to get it back. It would be horrendous to not take advantage of this opportunity. They have a fine working relationship with UA and ASP.

Mr. Bierner stated that they certainly agree that there's a way to figure this out. They've managed BTA for quite a long time, and that's always been a financial challenge. He is convinced that we can get it done. They are management professionals. Taking on this challenge is something he feels very confident they can do.

Mr. Ream stated his desire to continue negotiations with the Rose family for the purchase of this property and bring a purchase contract to the Board as early as March using fund sources that staff will work on.

4. Update on Western Arizona Law Enforcement Academy at Lake Havasu

Mr. Ream reported that the Academy began in mid-October, about a month later than staff anticipated. The first Academy will graduate on February 15 and the graduation ceremony will be held there in Lake Havasu. A new class will begin the following Monday, and on Friday of that week, February 22, the Academy and the local police chiefs and sheriff will hold a legislative day at the Academy. The local legislators and elected officials will be at the Academy to show them how important it is to the law

enforcement training in Mohave Co. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. and the Board is invited. He and Mr. Travous will attend as well as Mr. Porter.

Mr. Ream added that, if the Board still meets in Lake Havasu in March, he anticipates that Chief DeVries from the Kingman Police Department will attend to ask this Board to continue the IGA for a few more classes as they are still searching for a suitable permanent home for their law enforcement training academy. He will give the Board an update at that meeting to let the Board know how staff feel we are with the current academy.

5. ASP Foundation – Administrative Services

Mr. Travous reported that he met with Ms. Cullwell (Ms. Patty Boland's replacement) and Mr. Mark Wilson of the Attorney General's Office (AG) over the holidays. They asked him for information on the friends groups. Staff are putting that together. He talked with the AG's Office two days ago. They asked a series of questions on who handles the money, who signs the Articles of Incorporation, etc. Staff are going through all that with all the Board's friends groups.

Mr. Porter left the meeting at 12:20 p.m. and a quorum was maintained.

Chairman Scalzo then moved to Agenda item G.3.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. 2008 Legislative Session

Mr. Ziemann distributed a "cheat sheet" on the legislative bills to the Board. He noted that bills are starting to appear. In fact, more than 700 pieces of legislation have been introduced in the House and about 150 in the Senate. The Senate has a later deadline, so they will catch up to the House. The Parks Board sponsors none of these bills. Staff will focus primarily on the budget.

Mr. Ziemann noted that HB 2156, the Railroad Sites Review Bill and HCR 2009, the Railroad Project Siting Review, are back again. The Board supported HCR 2009 last year but at the last minute the Governor vetoed it. Technical Correction bills really don't do anything, but they are nefarious in the fact that they can be stripped and have other language added later in the session. HB 2192 is the State Parks Board's Annual Report. It is out and it is what it is. Most of these bills don't do a whole lot.

Mr. Ziemann stated that the most interesting bill is SB 1130. It is a study committee regarding the financing of ASP. Staff need to contact the Governor's Office on it, but certainly hope that we can support that bill. The very notion about talking what it costs for the Board to run, not a state parks system, but our state parks system and how to best go about finding the money to accomplish those things is appealing.

Mr. Ziemann noted that as the days and weeks go by he will continue to update the Board, especially since there won't be another meeting for a couple of months. He will send out periodic updates.

Chairman Scalzo asked if there will be a legislative day when groups like the Board will be invited as was done last year.

Mr. Travous responded negatively.

Chairman Scalzo then returned to Agenda Item H.

H. EXECUTIVE STAFF UPDATES

1. Concession Contract – Slide Rock State Park

Mr. Siegwarth reported that technically staff run concessions through Procurement as per the code. A panel goes out for bids, evaluate the bids, and award the contract. In the past, staff have asked the Board for permission to go out for bid or award the contract. That procedure sometimes causes an issue based on when we have our meetings. Staff would like to continue doing everything as they have in the past without needing a Board Action. The Board can certainly be kept abreast of these awards if they wish. This is pretty much an administrative function.

Mr. Siegwarth added that the agency has been without a concession at Slide Rock since October. Staff are ready to award the bid, but he didn't want to do it before talking to the Board because it is changing how we operate a little bit. Historically, there is a set fee for concessions of about \$7,000 with a graduated scale, depending on revenues. Last year Slide Rock had revenues of about \$181,000. Staff hope that, when the contract is awarded, the new concessionaire will do substantially better than that.

Chairman Scalzo stated that it sounds to him like it is an administrative function.

Mr. Travous noted that staff are so restricted by Procurement codes that we don't have much flexibility.

Ms. Hernbrode noted that she doesn't have a problem with the Board choosing not to review these concession contracts; she's having a bit of heartburn about making it a particular decision on this Agenda.

Mr. Siegwarth responded that staff are only bringing this as an informational item that staff are going to go out and award a contract. If the Board feels they should be more involved, they are free to make a motion to that point.

Mr. Colton asked if there is a written Board policy regarding this or if it's a case of, "it's always been done this way".

Mr. Siegwarth responded that he understands from his Procurement staff that they had done it by themselves for years. About 14 years ago there was controversy over a contract and the Board made the decision. Since that day, they have always been brought to the Board. When he came on board he continued bringing the concession contracts to the Board. His staff told him that they have the ability to do it themselves, but it's been common practice to get the Board's approval.

Mr. Travous added that there was an issue years ago with a Board member who wanted to be sure that the concessions were not using Styrofoam cups.

Ms. Hernbrode noted that many years the Board granted the Director authority to handle all administrative matters and not bring them before the Board. If the Board deems this as an administrative matter there is no need for a Board Action. Her concern was the Board making a motion on this matter.

Chairman Scalzo stated that, as Chairman, he does not want to get caught up in the minutia of contract awards for issues like this because they are time consuming. He

believes this falls more under setting a direction for the parks not running their day-to-day operations. It is more of an administrative function.

Mr. Colton stated his agreement with the Chairman. Down the road he could see the Board thinking about setting some parameters for these things.

Mr. Woodling stated his agreement with everything that's been said here. He believes that staff do the best that they can to maximize any income from any concession and will not do anything that is against the mission to maximize the income. He has total faith in this staff to do that.

3. ADOT Funding Update

Mr. Ream reported that he has attended the last three ADOT meetings. They have been investigating whether or not to continue funding ASP's road projects. The agency is entitled to up to \$5 million a year based on statute. For the last 10 years they have been funding at a level of \$2 million per year. They wanted to reduce that to \$0.

Mr. Ream noted that they would have been required to take action to reduce that funding to \$0 from \$2 million at their meeting in December in Oro Valley. At that meeting, the AZ Dept. of Transportation Board took no action and, thereby, the agency can continue with the \$2 million per year for its road projects.

Mr. Ream added that, with our current budget situation and where some of the budget proposals require money coming from the HURF fund to fund DPS, this issue may come up. He will be watching their meeting agendas to make sure we don't come back and get used to balance the HURF budget.

6. Update on Tam O'Shanter

Mr. Siegwarth reported that staff have been dealing with Resolution Copper and the Governor's Office. From the agency's point of view, we still have concerns about the ASARCO land, State Land parcels (especially the park boundary), new areas that have been discovered, the access road and funding of it, and the deletion of the Board's responsibility to fund any Dept. of Interior's administrative costs. Regarding the actual money required to build and operate the park, staff defer to the Governor's Office. The last he heard was that they were unable to reach an agreement with Resolution Copper as far as how to fund the construction, development, and operation of the park. In the latest version, all references to a state park has been deleted from the federal bill. We are traveling a long-and-winding road. It appears to him that, even though the agency's issues are being worked on and being resolved, the money issue with the Governor's Office appears to be the biggest sticking point right now.

7. New Travel Policies

Mr. Siegwarth introduced Ms. Vicky Travino and Ms. Vicky Dana. They put a package together for the Board. He reported that the IRS has said that state employees were getting too good of a deal and were claiming lunches on travel without staying overnight. The only way to resolve that on a statewide level is to have all travel claims go through the personnel system. Therefore, for the Board to put in travel claims, they really need to be in the HRIS system. Staff have created specific categories for the Board who are, technically, unpaid employees of the State. The packet includes forms

that need to be filled out by the Board members so they can be put into the new Human Resource Information System.

Mr. Siegwarth added that we have a new travel claim form that the Board can still send to Ms. Busser, who will, in turn, complete it and turn it in to one of his staff members to be entered into the system so the Board can get paid.

Mr. Siegwarth noted that the packet contains a very nice Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document that should address most of the Board's questions. Hotels and mileage are not taxable. He noted that once the information on the travel claim is given to his staff from Ms. Busser, his staff input that information into the system and the check will be cut. The Board have the option of a check or direct deposit.

Mr. Siegwarth added that there is another document in the packet that reflects how much can be claimed for food and lodging. He noted that the allowance for those items are now based on where (county or city) meals and lodging are taken. He noted that one has to travel more than 50 miles to even be able to claim the allowances. He added that it is not "per diem". He believes that they found everyone was claiming \$7.00 for breakfast, and the auditor said that someone out there has to be going to MacDonalds and getting an Egg MacMuffin that only costs \$5. He wanted to make it very clear that they can only claim for what they ate. There is no reimbursement for alcohol or tip on alcohol. Claiming more than what was actually spent is fraud. They are being very clear that the employee who submits the \$7 and the supervisor who approves the \$7 are both legally responsible. Therefore, the agency has the option to require submission of receipts. Staff are still dealing with that. It wouldn't hurt to keep receipts. Board members may find that it's just easier to submit those receipts to Ms. Busser so she knows what to input on the forms. It's not a requirement at this time.

Mr. Siegwarth noted that he had staff available to go into more detail if necessary.

Chairman Scalzo noted he didn't see all of the counties listed on the sheet.

Mr. Siegwarth responded that there is a default rate. If there's not a county listed, then the cheapest rate is to be used.

Mr. Travous added that in an effort to cut travel costs, staff are looking at videoconferencing.

Chairman Scalzo noted that Maricopa County hopes to have a videoconferencing facility in place by the end of the year. It will be available for use by other governments. It is on Van Buren (just down the street).

Mr. Colton noted Pima County has slashed everything. They do not get mileage for attending a public meeting during working hours.

8. Update on Litigation by Mabery LLC

Ms. Hernbrode reported that she had hoped to be able to tell the Board that we are ready to go back to the County Court level and resolve this issue once and for all. However, Mr. Mabery has requested another extension to file a Petition to the AZ Supreme Court to review this case. Counsel has, of course, granted their request which puts the deadline around Valentine's Day. Counsel will be working on strategic decisions on his Petition. Counsel have decided not to push this issue to the Supreme Court at this time and will not be filing a Petition to Review.

I. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no public remaining in the audience who wished to address the Board.

J. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Staff recommends that the next Arizona State Parks Board Meeting be held in Lake Havasu, AZ on March 21, 2008.**

Mr. Cordasco noted that the date of the March 21 Board meeting is during Spring Break, not only for the site but also for everyone. It is also Easter week-end (Good Friday).

Chairman Scalzo noted that the Board has several options. The meeting can be moved back to Phoenix and go to Lake Havasu another time; or the date can be moved; or both. He asked for the Board's pleasure. He believes moving the date would be a strong direction.

Mr. Woodling noted that when the Board goes to Lake Havasu, the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. That means they have to arrive Thursday. He asked if there will be tours and whether they would have to stay over two nights (Thursday and/or Friday night). He's not sure what the travel arrangements should be.

Mr. Travous responded that the hotel will be covered the night before (Thursday) and the night of the meeting (Friday). He advised that they keep their receipts. He added that if staff know Board members will be able to be there earlier on Thursday, staff can arrange for them to see the things they need to see. If there will be enough Board members there early enough, staff can arrange for a boat ride and do something out on the lake.

Mr. Woodling noted that he has not been to Lake Havasu since he served on the Board years ago and needs to see what is going on up there.

Chairman Scalzo stated he believes that there is a need for the Board to go to Lake Havasu.

Mr. Cordasco asked if the timing to go to Lake Havasu is in line with activities that are taking place there.

Chairman Scalzo responded that Mr. Ream is working on Requests for Proposals and he felt it might be pertinent to be there to take another look because there are new Board members and at least three Board members have not been there at all. It will be a major topic for more than a year. The Board is on line to spend up to \$1 million for study. This will be one of the biggest projects the Board will be encountering. It made sense to go there.

Mr. Colton noted that that specific week and the previous week are the problem. He asked if the following week (the 28th) is a problem.

Ms. Statler responded that the "Volunteer Venture", the awards event for the agency's volunteers is being held on that date.

Chairman Scalzo suggested April 4th and noted that that might even be a better date.

It was the consensus of the remaining Board members to move the March 21 Parks Board meeting to April 4th at Lake Havasu.

Chairman Scalzo requested staff to look at putting something together for Thursday. He noted that someone mentioned a boat and he feels that is a good idea since there are four physical locations in Lake Havasu and it's a little tricky driving around there regardless of the time of year. It might make sense to meet at a location everyone knows. The question is whether to do it the day before the meeting (Thursday) or do we do it Friday afternoon.

Mr. Cordasco suggested doing it Thursday afternoon as was done in the past. Everyone met, did what needed to be done, and went out to dinner in the evening. That way people can head back home following the meeting on Friday.

Mr. Ream noted that the City will be very gracious hosts and will participate in a big way. He added that the Tribal community will probably come to the meeting and speak to the Board.

Mr. Travous noted that everyone who has an interest will show up.

Mr. Woodling noted that the Board met last year in Sedona and he brought his wife along. He asked if spouses can come if the Board member pays for their expenses.

Mr. Travous responded affirmatively and suggested that Mr. Woodling keep his receipts.

Mr. Cordasco noted that it might be a good idea to continue discussions on economic development potentials. In discussing concession contracts and not wanting to get involved in the day-to-day minutia of the organization, at the same time they are opportunities for the Board to hand-off in some respects.

Mr. Cordasco noted that the Board hasn't heard about the Elder Hostel at Red Rock State Park for some time. That seemed to be an opportunity to generate revenues and take some responsibilities away from the agency on some of that.

Mr. Cordasco added that the photographs that are mounted in the Board room and down the hallway are just beautiful and really give a sense of state parks. He received a book for Christmas from a person who came out from cattle shipping in October and took photographs. He said that on Christmas Eve he had some time and went to an Internet site and downloaded these photographs from shipping that day and two weeks later he had a complete hardbound book with all of these photographs. If it is that simple, it would be a dynamo for fundraising.

Chairman Scalzo stated that the idea of taking a look at economic options will also flow into our budget discussions.

Mr. Woodling suggested having someone from Lake Havasu give a presentation (as Mr. Campbell did today) on what is happening up there.

Chairman Scalzo noted that the OHVAG appointments and make-up of the advisory group itself, with staff recommendation, needs to be on the Agenda.

Mr. Ream noted that Picket Post House needs to be on the Agenda.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Woodling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Colton seconded. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

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APPROVED:

William Scalzo, Chairman

Kenneth E. Travous, Executive Director